Montana Land Cover Atlas

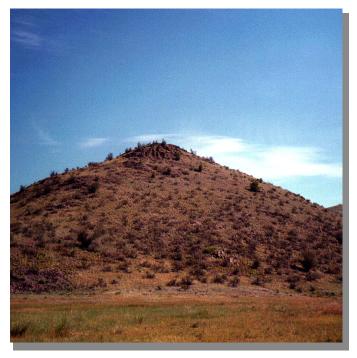
3300 Mixed Xeric Shrubs

DOMINANT SPECIES

Bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata)
Creeping Juniper (Juniperus horizontalis)
Greasewood (Sarcobatus spp.)
Mountain Mahogany (Cercocarpus spp.)
Rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus spp.)
Shadscale (Atriplex canescens)

DESCRIPTION

Shrublands where mixed xeric shrubs are dominant, with shrub cover from 20-50%. Grass cover ranges from 5-40%. Associated with dry rocky sites. Associated grass and forb species: bluebunch wheatgrass (Agropyron spictatum), blue gamma (Andropogon gracilis), Idaho fescue (Festuca idahoensis), western wheatgrass (Agropyron smithii).



TOTAL AREA 1,227,852 hectares 184,013 patches 3.22 % of state

ELEVATION 573 - 3102 m range 984 m mean

STATE RANGE

Occurs across the state primarily in valleys and low elevation mountain slopes.

